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*Belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of  
South-Carolina.*

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The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D., *Bishop, and Rector of  
St. Michael's Parish.*

## PRIESTS.

- The Rev. Jasper Adams, D. D., *Principal of the Charleston College, and Rector of St.  
Andrew's Parish.*  
The Rev. William H. Barnwell, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*  
The Rev. William J. Boone, *Missionary to China.*  
The Rev. David I. Campbell, *Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and of the Chapels at the  
Black Oak, and the Rocks.*  
The Rev. John W. Chanler.  
The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, *Rector of the Church at Claremont.*  
The Rev. Francis P. Delavanx, *Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*  
The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson  
The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, *Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon.*  
The Rev. Stephen Elliott, senr., *Rector of Prince William's Parish.*  
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, *residing in Charleston.*  
The Rev. Andrew Fowler, *Minister of Christ Church Parish.*  
The Rev. James H. Fowles, *Rector of Christ Church, Wilton, and of Trinity Church,  
Edgefield.*  
The Rev. Hugh Fraser, *residing at Waccamaw.*  
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, *Rector of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*  
The Rev. Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono.*  
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's, Colleton.*  
The Rev. Allston Gibbes.  
The Rev. Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.*  
The Rev. Richard Johnson, *Rector of St. Matthew's Parish.*  
The Rev. Christian Hanckel, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.*  
The Rev. Abraham Kaufman, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*  
The Rev. Paul T. Keith, *Rector of Prince George Parish, Winyaw.*  
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *residing in Charleston.*  
The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto, and of St. Stephen's  
Church, Edingsville.*  
The Rev. Alexander Marshall, *Rector of St. David's, Cheraw.*  
The Rev. David M. Elheran, *Rector of St. Helena Church on St. Helena Island*  
The Rev. Edward Phillips, *Rector of Grace Church, Camden.*

- The Rev. Charles C. Pinckney, junr., *Minister of St. James' Parish, Santee, and of Christ Church, Greenville.*
- The Rev. William T. Potter, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*
- The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, *Rector of the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis, and of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.*
- The Rev. Peter J. Shand, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*
- The Rev. Napoleon B. Screven, *Missionary at the Wateree.*
- The Rev. William W. Spear, *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.*
- The Rev. Edward Thomas, *Rector of St. John's, Berkeley.*
- The Rev. Paul Trapier, *Rector of St. James', James' Island, and Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
- The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*
- The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, *Assistant Minister of St. James', James' Island, and Principal of the South-Carolina Society's Academy.*
- The Rev. Benjamin C. Webb, *Minister of St. Luke's Parish.*
- The Rev. Ulysses M. Wheeler, *Rector of Trinity Church, Society-Hill.*
- The Rev. Thomas J. Young, *Rector of St. John's, Colleton.*

#### DEACONS.

- The Rev. Thomas C. Dupont, *Minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, St. Luke's Parish.*
- The Rev. William Elliott.
- The Rev. Stephen Elliott, junr., *Professor of the Evidences of Christianity and Sacred Literature in the South-Carolina College, Columbia.*
- The Rev. John S. Field, *residing at Greenville.*

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Present at the Convention—The Bishop of the Diocese, 23 Clerical and 7 Lay Delegates.

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## OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c

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*Columbia, Wednesday Morning, May 3, 1837.*

THIS being the day appointed for a stated meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of South-Carolina, the Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, with several of the Clergy and Lay Delegates, attended at Trinity Church, at half-past 10 o'clock, when morning prayer was read by the Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, and a sermon delivered by the Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector of Grace Church, Camden. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Christian Hanckel.

The Right Rev. Dr. Bowen took the Chair, *ex officio*, and the Rev. Peter J. Shand acted as Secretary.

The following Clergy attended, *ex officio*; and the following Lay Delegates, having presented satisfactory testimonials of their respective appointments, took their seats accordingly, viz. :

*St. Michael's Parish.* The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D.D., Rector.

*St. Philip's Parish.* The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D.D., Rector. Thomas Gadsden.

*St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.* The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector.

*St. Peter's Church, Charleston.* The Rev. William H. Barnwell, Rector.

*Prince George Parish, Winyaw.* The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.

*St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.* The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

*St. Paul's Parish, Stono.* The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

*St. Luke's Parish.* The Rev. B. C. Webb, Rector.

*Trinity Church, Columbia.* The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector. President R. W. Barnwell. Dr. Robert W. Gibbes.

*St. James' Parish, Santee.* The Rev. Charles C. Pinckney.

*St. David's Parish, Cheraw.* The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector. Captain John Ellerbe.

*Prince William's Parish.* The Rev. S. Elliott, senr., Rector.

*Grace Church, Camden.* The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

*Church at Claremont.* The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector. Col. O. S. Reese.



*St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.* The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.  
*St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.* The Rev. David McElheran,  
 Rector.

*Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.* The Rev. Thomas C. Dupont,  
 Minister.

*Trinity Church, Society Hill.* The Rev. U. M. Wheeler, Rector.

*St. Matthew's Parish.* The Rev. Richard Johnson, Rector.

*Christ Church, Greenville.* The Rev. C. C. Pinckney.

*Missionary at the Wateree.* The Rev. Napoleon B. Screven.

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, junr., *Professor of the Evidences of Christianity and Sacred Literature in the South-Carolina College.*

*St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.* Hon. C. C. Pinckney.

A quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to business. The Rev. W. W. Spear, assistant minister of St. Michael's Church, was re-appointed, *viva voce*, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Spear being necessarily absent, Mr. Shand was requested, and consented to act as Secretary, during the sitting of the Convention.

The Rules of Order were then read, in conformity with the 12th Rule.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in Columbia, but not entitled to seats, and the Candidates for Orders in this Diocese, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, the Rev. John A. Vaugan, of New-York, General Agent of the Foreign Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, was welcomed to the Diocese, and invited to attend the sittings of the Convention.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint Delegates to represent this Diocese in General Convention: when the following were appointed, (Convention concurring)—

The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D.D.	William Heyward,
The Rev. Christian Hanckel,	Thomas Lowndes,
The Rev. Augustus L. Converse,	Philip Tilyman, M. D.
The Rev. Joseph R. Walker.	Henry Deas,

On motion, the following Committee, on the General Theological Seminary, was appointed:—

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden,	R. W. Barnwell, Esq.,
The Rev. Paul Trapier,	Col. O. S. Reese.

The President of the Standing Committee presented, for the information of the Convention, the following statement of their official acts, since the last Convention:—

“In the discharge of their canonical duty, they have recommended to the Bishop, for Priest's Orders, the Rev. Thomas A. Cook, Rev. Stephen Elliott, senr., Rev. Richard Johnson, Rev. A. Kaufman, Rev.

C. Webb, Rev. J. H. Fowles, Rev. W. W. Spear, Rev. W. J. Boone : and for Deacon's Orders, Mr. W. J. Boone, and Mr. Thomas C. Dupont.

" They declined acting upon the communication of the late Presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in relation to the consecration of the Rev. Samuel A. McCoskry,—selected by a majority of the Bishops, as Bishop of Michigan,—preferring to wait the result of a meeting of the Bishops, which had been contemplated to be held in the month of June, then next ensuing.

" They passed Resolutions, in reference to the loss sustained by the Church, by the death of Bishop White, and also of the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, and they elected the Rev. Paul Trapier a member of the Committee, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Rev. F. Dalcho, M.D.

" In behalf of the Standing Committee,

" C. E. GADSDEN, *President.*"

On motion, the President was requested to appoint the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year, whereupon the following appointment was made (Convention concurring) :—

The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D.,	David Alexander,
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais,	Thomas Lowndes,
The Rev. William H. Barnwell,	James Jervey,
The Rev. Christian Hanckel,	Samuel Wragg,
The Rev. Paul Trapier,	Joshua W. Toomer.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint a Preacher at the opening of the next Convention ; whereupon the Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw, was appointed, and in case of his failure, the Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector of the Church at Claremont.

A Report was received and read, from the Hon. C. J. Colcock, chairman of the committee appointed at the last sitting of the Convention, for the purpose of increasing the Bishop's Permanent Fund : viz.,—

"The Committee appointed at the last sitting of the Protestant Episcopal Convention, held in St. Michael's Church, in the City of Charleston, on the 11th day of Feb., 1836, for the purpose of increasing the Bishop's Fund, by voluntary subscription among the members of the said Church, beg leave to report,

" That they have succeeded in obtaining the sum of four thousand dollars, by subscriptions from different individuals. All of the cash received was duly invested in good bonds, and the subscribers' notes taken for the rest. They have thought it proper, in the discharge of their duty, to state at the foot of this report, the names of the Donors, but, (they take the liberty of saying,) it is not their wish that it should be published : all which is respectfully submitted.

" C. J. COLCOCK."

Whereupon, on motion of R. W. Barnwell, it was *Resolved*,

That the Report, made by the Committee, on the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, be accepted, laid on the table, and printed; and that the Chairman of said Committee be requested to deliver the securities for the amount subscribed, to the Treasurer of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds.

*Resolved*, That the same Committee be requested to continue in appointment, viz.:—

Judge Colcock,  
Col. Cuthbert,  
Col. Pinckney,  
James H. Ladson,

James Jervey,  
G. W. Egleston,  
Thomas Gadsden,  
John DeWitt, and E. Bacon.

The following Resolutions were offered by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden,—which, on motion, were ordered to lie on the table until to-morrow:—

1. That there be constituted, under the recommendation of this Convention, a fund for supporting Missionaries to the people of color in this diocese, to consist of *contributions*, which the proprietors of slaves, they who have the control of the “missionary boxes,” the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, and the pious and benevolent in general, are hereby respectfully requested to make; that the Society above named, are hereby respectfully requested to hold this fund in trust for the Convention, and at each annual meeting of the same, to report the receipts and disbursements; that no payments from it shall be made, but by order of the Bishop, or the Treasurer of the said Society; and that it be applied exclusively to the expenses of the Mission.

2. That every Missionary and Catechist be chosen by the Bishop; receive their instructions from, and have their course marked out by, him; but in no instance to be sent to any parish, without the consent of the rector and vestry, or the restors and vestries, if there be two or more in the same.

3. That each Missionary and Catechist, report quarterly the “state of the mission” so far as he is concerned in it; and not be entitled to his compensation, unless he has done so.

4. That the Bishop is hereby respectfully requested, according to his discretion, to cause to be printed, his “instructions” to the missionaries and catechists, and any other documents connected with the mission.

The President proceeded to appoint Preachers for the next Convention, on other days than the 1st. The Rev. Alexander Glennie, the Rev. W. T. Potter, and the Rev. A. W. Marshall were appointed.

The Chair then proceeded to appoint a Committee, under the Resolutions offered at the last Convention, by the Rev. Edward Phillips, to inquire into the state of prosperity in vacant Parishes, where



there are no Vestries, and the following gentlemen were appointed, viz., Hon. C. J. Colcock, Major Samuel Wragg, and Thomas Gadsden, Esqr.

Mr. Thomas Gadsden, the Treasurer, submitted the following Report of the Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, on the "Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds:"—

"The Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, submit their Report on the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds.

"From the statement of the Permanent Fund, for the last year, it will appear, that the credits for dividends, and in trust, received during the year ending on 1st of January, 1837, amount to \$781.92. Three fourths of which, or \$586.44 have been transferred to the Common Fund, in pursuance of the resolution of the Convention, of the 20th February, 1818. The loan to the Common Fund, of \$473.07, reported last year, has been returned with interest, and constitutes an item on the credit side of the statement.

"The proportion of income transferred to the Common Fund, and Treasurer's commissions, compose the debtor side of the statement, and make a balance in favor of the Fund, of \$2.12.

"From the statement of the Common Fund, it will appear, that the sum of \$473.07, the amount borrowed from the Permanent Fund last year, with the interest thereon—amounting to \$22.07, making together the sum of \$495.14, has been returned to that Fund, and the sum of \$1,200 paid to the Bishop of the Diocese, in lieu of the same amount relinquished by him to St. Michael's Church.

"The receipts for the Common Fund, during the year ending in February, 1836, are the following :

St. Paul's, Pendleton, . . . . .	\$30
St. John's, Colleton, . . . . .	50
St. Helena Church, Beaufort, . . . . .	50
Prince William's Parish, . . . . .	15
Trinity Church, Society Hill, . . . . .	10
Cheraw, . . . . .	10
St. Paul's, Stono, . . . . .	10
St. Michael's Church, Charleston, . . . . .	350
St. Philip's, . . . . .	250
St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island, . . . . .	20*

"The above sums, together with three-fourths of the income of the Permanent Fund, transferred as above stated, to the credit of this Fund, and the balance in the Treasurer's hands, on the 1st of January, 1836, make up the credit side of the statement. From which, after deducting the sum paid the Bishop, as above stated, and the Treasurer's

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\*The following amounts, for 1836, were received during the sitting of the Convention : Prince George, Win yaw, \$50; Society Hill, \$10; St. Luke's Parish, \$15; Church of the Holy Trinity, \$15; Trinity Church, Columbia, \$40.

commissions, there remained a balance, on the 1st January, 1837, at the credit of the Fund, of \$98.18.

(Signed, in behalf of the Board,)

N. BOWEN,

*Ex-officio President of the Society for the  
Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina.*

Whereupon, *Resolved*, That the same be accepted, and entered on the Journals.

The Bishop then delivered the Address, required by the first section of the 7th Canon of 1835, of the General Convention, for "securing an accurate view of the state of the Church."

#### BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND OF THE LAITY,

Occasion is taken, at this stage of the proceedings of the Convention, to lay before it, the statement required, of my peculiarly official transactions and duties, done since our last annual meeting, and to submit for information, or consideration, such other matters, as concern our institutions, in the condition, in which, we at present find them.

I would acknowledge before you with affectionate gratitude, the divine goodness, so far extended to me, as to admit of my going through the duties of the year without any interruption from ill-health. In only one instance, have I been prevented from attending the regular stated offices of the Church; nor on any occasion of specially appointed duty, have I been unable, from that cause, to fulfil my engagement. At the same time I rejoice with you brethren, towards God, that among those occupied in the pastoral ministry of our churches generally, the same blessing has so abounded, during seasons of more than usual sickness and affliction, that they have almost all been permitted, with little or no interruption, to prosecute their work.

But rejoicing in that *we have received good at the hand of God*, we are called to the exercise of resignation, under the experience also of calamity. Two valued ministers have been removed from us by death. Dr. Dalcho was taken to his rest in the month of November last, after a short acute illness; and has left a name honored by his industry and faithfulness in the ministry, and his various labours for the edification and good of the Church. In the office of Secretary of this body for many years, you will readily recall, and will retain with interest, in your minds, the memory of his amiable, patient, and faithful conduct. He served St. Michael's Church from the year 1819; and although disabled as to the duties which he long, with so cheerful assiduity performed, was continued and supported, as an assistant minister of that Church until his death. The death of Mr. Cobia, late assistant minister of St. Philip's Church, is a signally affecting providence. Gifts of uncommon excellence, and proportionate acquirements resulting from uncommon industry and ardor in the improvement of the best advantages, had in his case, been devoted to the service of Christ in the ministry of his Church, with a zeal and energy, a fidelity and holiness, which made his name a praise in all our Zion, and the promise of his

life, the fond delight of all who love her prosperity and honor. Already, although of so short a term, had his ministry been marked with singular efficiency and success. Arrested by disease in the third year of its progress, he continued for fourteen months, a living sacrifice to claims on his time and strength, which, in the zeal of his dedication of himself to the ministry, he had perhaps estimated with error, and was in February last, called to the reward of him who is "faithful unto death." I mourn with you, brethren, in him, a loss to our Church, and the whole Christian community, of one, who, in the high estimation in which he was held, was not overvalued, and who cannot fail to be remembered among us, with lasting esteem and honor.

The venerable Parish with which Mr. Cobia had officially been connected, in this as in its other sorrows, has a claim on our sympathy, which all cannot but feel. We sympathise with it, at the same time, in its consolations. A successor to the late lamented assistant minister, has been elected, with a happy degree of concord and satisfaction—and things are in gratifying progress towards the early reinstatement of ministers and people, in the possession of the comforts and privileges of the house of God, under circumstances, if not such as will put away the memory of their affliction, yet such as will move their fervent and deeply bounden gratitude, for the blessings of a beneficent Providence.

The Rev. Milward Pogson also, formerly, and for many years, the much esteemed rector of St. James', Gooscreek, has been taken, by death, from the number of our Clergy.

Besides the Rev. Mr. Kaufman, chosen assistant minister of St. Philip's Church, in the place of Mr. Cobia deceased, only the Rev. Mr. U. M. Wheeler, the Rev. Mr. Dupont, and the Rev. Mr. Boone, have been added to the number of our Clergy.

Mr. Wheeler was canonically received into this diocese, from that of New-York; and Mr. Kaufman from that of Massachusetts. Mr. Wheeler has accepted the charge of Trinity Church, Society-Hill. Mr. Dupont and Mr. Boone were ordained deacons of the diocese. Mr. Dupont is engaged to serve the Church at Grahamville, and Mr. Boone has officiated at St. James', Goose-creek, chiefly for the benefit of the slave population. The Rev. Mr. Cook, and the Rev. Mr. M'Kenney, have within the conventional year, both received the canonical means of being recognized and received in other dioceses. Mr. M'Kenney has returned into the diocese of Maryland, from which he had removed into this; and Mr. Cook, has become a missionary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, at Florence in Alabama.

Within the diocese, changes of station among our Clergy have been few. The Rev. Mr. Young has resigned the charge of the Church at Grahamville, and accepted that of John's Island, vacated by the resignation and removal of Mr. M'Kenney; and the Rev. William Elliott has resigned the assistantcy of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

Ordinations, since our last meeting, have been as follows: Mr. Cook was ordained Priest, in March, 1836—and Mr. Stephen Elliott, Sen'r. in May of the same year. Mr. Kaufman, Mr. R. Johnson, and Mr. C. C. Pinckney, were admitted to the same order of ministry, in October



last—and Mr. Webb, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Spear, and Mr. Fowles in December. Mr. Boone was ordained Deacon, in September—and Mr. Dupont in November. Besides these ordinations proper to the diocese, the Rev. George White and the Rev. John James Hunt, of Georgia, have been admitted to Priests' orders.

No one has been added to our small list of candidates for holy orders. It contains the names of only four. While the need of ministers and the call for them is more and more urgent—the number does not increase in any proportionate manner, of those who desire to become so. With more and more earnestness would we press this consideration upon the regard of the friends of the Church and all who care for religion, and the best interests of man and society. Every Clergyman should make it his duty, if possible, to select from among the young who may be subjects of his pastoral care, or otherwise subjects of his notice and observation, some one whom he may gradually influence and form to this necessary work of good.

Since the last Convention, the following Churches have been visited ; viz: St. Thomas' Parish; Black Oak Chapel; St. Mark's, Clarendon, twice; Claremont Church, Stateburg; St. Paul's, Summerville; St. John's, Berkeley, or rather the congregation yet without a Church of their own, at Whiteville, in St. John's, Berkeley; Totness Chapel, St. Matthew's Parish; Trinity Church, Edgefield; St. Paul's, Pendleton; Christ Church, Greenville; Trinity Church, Columbia; Grace Church, Camden; St. James' Goose-creek; St. Andrew's; St. John's, John's Island; Edmundsbury Chapel, St. Bartholomew's, now the Parish Church of that Parish; St. James', Santee; Prince George, Winyaw; All-Saints, Waccamaw; Prince Frederick's; St. David's Cheraw; Trinity Church, Society-Hill; and the mission so beneficently set on foot, by the Messrs. Clarkson, for the benefit, especially of the slave population of their plantations, on the Wateree, and faithfully served by the Rev. Mr. Screven. Confirmation was administered at most of the stations of our ministry, visited since the last Convention: viz., at St. Thomas' Parish; at Black Oak Chapel, Upper St. John's Berkeley; at Claremont Church, Stateburg; at Totness Chapel, St. Matthew's Parish; at Trinity Church, Edgefield; at St. Paul's, Pendleton; at Christ Church, Greenville; at Trinity Church, Columbia; at Grace Church, Camden; at St. John's, Colleton, John's Island; at Christ Church Parish Church; at St. David's, Cheraw; at Trinity Church, Society Hill; and at the Wateree Mission; and besides at those places, at St. Peter's Church, Charleston, for the Churches collectively of the City. The whole number of persons confirmed is about 240. In one or two instances lists were not given, and the number of confirmants is not confidently remembered.

I am reminded by this detail of my duty in visiting the Churches of the Diocese, of a circumstance of more importance to my comfort, in the performance of this duty, than it may have seemed to some of my brethren in the ministry, and with respect to which, I will now take occasion to throw myself on their kind consideration. It is not without long and careful deliberation, and the most anxious endeavour to make my duties, as your diocesan minister, coincide and harmonize with

others, that I determine on any plan or course of appointments of this kind. It will, on a moment's consideration, be apparent, that the perfect convenience of every particular minister and parish cannot be consulted. It must be equally apparent, that a chain of engagements, extending over a considerable portion of the diocese, cannot be broken or changed, for the accommodation of one minister and Parish, without an interruption of the whole course of them, bringing with it probable inconvenience to many. It will be an acceptable kindness to me, if my brethren will make the best of my appointments as they come, without suggesting impracticable changes, for the sake of particular considerations of convenience. And as to the preference, sometimes, perhaps, inconsiderately expressed of Sunday, to such day as I had named, for my duty at a particular Church, I will but beg my brethren to be assured, that their wishes have always been, and always shall be, *anticipated* by the same preference on my part, so far as it could, or hereafter may, consistently with other duties, than those of the Episcopate, resting on me, be indulged.

The Churches consecrated are the following. Christ Church, Wilton Bluff, erected by a generous exertion of the zeal of a small congregation, was consecrated in April, with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Rev. F. Dalcho, Rev. Mr. Leverett, and Rev. Mr. Fowles. It is a gratifying evidence of the spirit actuating the members of our Church, in that place. Besides the Church, which is of singular beauty and completeness, the same liberal temper has led to the provision of a residence near it, for the minister, with every circumstance consulted, necessary to his comfort. We are to rejoice in the example thus set. In Trinity Church, Edgefield, the same interesting office was performed in October, with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, who was my companion throughout an extensive tour of duty, the Rev. Mr. Shand, of Columbia, and the Rev. Mr. Fowles, who had served this Church during the summer, under a temporary engagement, made convenient by the dissolution of his congregation at Wilton, at that season of the year. This new edifice, at Edgefield, has recently been so much injured by extraordinarily tempestuous weather, as that the congregation have been deprived of its use. We are called on to suffer with them, as brethren, and to do what we can towards their reinstatement in the worship of God, as a portion of our household of faith. St. Mark's Chapel, in the Sandhills, the summer resort of the congregation of St. Mark's, Clarendon, was consecrated in November. This Chapel had been erected by the late Charles Richardson, Esq., of that Parish; and, agreeably to his will and desire, has been handsomely finished and furnished by his heirs, and by them surrendered, by regular legal process, to the corporation of the parish, to be used forever, as a chapel, for the assembling of the congregation, in the worship of God, according to the canons and liturgy of the P. E. Church in the United States. We have been permitted also, in the course of God's kind Providence, to set apart, in the same manner, to its destined uses, the new building erected in Charleston, in lieu of the first St. Stephen's Chapel, which had been destroyed by fire. The exertions of the pious members of the Church

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who compose the Charleston Female Domestic Missionary Society, in aid of the Trustees, in procuring the funds necessary to this excellent work of Christian benevolence, is entitled to be had in honorable remembrance. Without this, to say the least, although some male members of the congregations of the city, and their ministers, lent, at the request of the trustees, their cheerful and efficient help, it must have been much longer, before we had been given to see this house of God for the poor of our communion, completed. To some of the ministers and congregations of our communion, out of the city, we are also indebted, for help that deserves grateful consideration : especially those of Columbia and Beaufort. A new building has also recently been consecrated, in Prince Frederick's Parish, on the Pedee. A very small number of liberal friends of Christ's kingdom, have done this pious work. They are yet without a minister. The Rev. Mr. Fraser, and the Rev. Mr. Lance, occasionally hold divine service for them, gratuitously.

The Catechism for the use of instructors in religion, of the slave population, whether ministers, catechists, or others, having the permission and encouragement of owners, to give such instruction, has been finished, and will soon be committed to the press, and be ready for distribution. It is the result of much time and labour, given to it by the committee, who undertook it at my desire—and entitles them to the thanks of the Convention and the Church. I have no doubt of its adaptation to the end contemplated, and am persuaded that the people, for whose benefit it is designed, through the judicious and patient use of this and other helps, may be effectually brought to such knowledge and obedience of the truth, as will make them acceptable subjects of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, and heirs, finally, of his salvation. Whatever may be the discouragements which naturally attend this work of charity, experience has amply shown it to admit of being successfully prosecuted. Master and servant have, undoubtedly, alike been rendered the happier by it ; nor is there any consideration opposed to its efficacy, but such as would equally forbid all attempts alike to give the Gospel to the ignorant and poor of our fellow men.

It is gratifying to mention, while I am adverting to this subject, the happy degree of success which has attended the labours of the Rev. Mr. Young, in Grahamville, and in its vicinity, his successor, Mr. Dupont, Mr. Webb, in St. Luke's Parish, Mr. Fowles, at Wilton, Mr. Thomas, in St. Johns, Berkeley, Mr. Glennie, in All Saints', Waccamaw, and Mr. Screven, on the Wateree, at the mission station, more especially consisting, as before mentioned, of the estate of the Messrs. Clarkson. The two last mentioned of these places, as well as St. Johns, Colleton, whither Mr. Young has transferred his pious benevolence in this way, have been recently visited, and various evidence has been given me, by the excellent ministers employed at them, of the good effect resulting from their labours. Labours they very literally are. It is not easy to conceive in what exercise of the ministry, both the mind and body can be subjected to more fatigue and trial than in this.

In other instances, there has been great exertion of this benevolent zeal, among our Clergy. I have reason, indeed, to believe that, gene-

rally, they do all that circumstances will permit, to let the description of people in view experience the good influence of their office, as servants of him who came to preach glad tidings of grace and salvation to the poor. Encouragement and facilities exist for some, which do not for all. The Rev. Mr. Boone, whom I have mentioned as serving at the Church at Goose-creek, at my request, chiefly for the benefit of the neighbouring plantations, has given a signal example of self-devoting zeal. During the whole of the summer months, he gave himself, at great expense of personal convenience, to this work—going on every Sunday from the city, a distance of 16 miles, and after holding service for a large congregation of these people, and instructing them at the Church and elsewhere, returning, as was necessary, in the evening. I regret, that with a disposition to be thus useful, in the ample field of missionary work, which there is among ourselves, this esteemed minister could not be retained in the service of the Diocese. Having destined himself to that of foreign missions, we have but to let our prayers go up for him, that wherever his lot of labour may be cast, the blessing of the spirit of grace and love, may abide with him, to strengthen, comfort, prosper, and reward him.

Your Committee on systematic charity, appointed at the last Convention, have done the duty assigned them; and the method reported by them, has been adopted, with considerable success, in many places. It will be proper, for the sake of probably conveying the knowledge of it to some, who may not, otherwise, have been put in possession of it, to place the Report of that Committee on the Journal of your present proceedings.

Your attention will be required to the alterations proposed by the last General Convention, in the Constitution of the Church, and in the Liturgy. They were laid before you, at our last State Convention, and may be acted upon, at this or the next, as may seem to you expedient. Your decision on them must only be in season for the General Convention, to be held in 1838. The meeting of that body cannot be adverted to, without calling up in my own mind and yours, the dispensation of Providence, which has taken from among us, the venerable and most excellent Prelate, who had, for so many years, presided over one of its houses, and who, from the first organization of our Church, in these United States, had borne so prominent a part in all its business. To him, more than to any other individual, are we indebted, under God, for the so happy settlement of our household of faith and worship, in these United States, in the enjoyment of so happy a degree of unity and peace. How painful were the apprehension that this unity and peace should not be as permanent as the honor of his beloved and revered name! Might not the journal of this first convention of our diocese since his death, with propriety be made to record the sense which we, collectively entertain, of his excellencies and services?

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 51st Canon of the General Convention, having been presented to the Bishop, were read by the Secretary :—

*St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.*

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D., Rector.

The Rev. W. W. Spear, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 3 coloured adults; 27 white, 3 coloured, children; Total number of baptisms, 33. Marriages, 12 white. Communicants, about 310 white, about 50 coloured; Total, 360. Non-communicants, about 260 white, coloured not ascertained. Children under 14, 240 white, coloured not known. Families, 230 white, coloured not known. Children catechised in midsummer and Lent, between 80 and 90 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 17. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 3 male and 10 female, aided by a Superintendant and two Directors. No. of Scholars, 94 white, coloured, unknown, perhaps 34; Total, about 128. Public worship held in St. Michael's Church, all Sundays of the year, all stated calendar Holy Days, on Wednesday of every week, and on Friday as well as Wednesday in Lent, on the Humiliation and Fasting Day on account of the Cholera, and on Thanksgiving Day in November.

REMARKS.—The number of communicants at this Church is a little reduced since the last report,—some families, having in them several, having removed from the city, a few having taken seats at St. Peter's, and several having been taken away by death. Some persons have, however, become communicants within the year. Families and individuals that were of the congregation or communion of this Church, *the greater portion of the year*, have been included in the numeration. Some families have removed from the city in the last half of the year, and several individuals have died, reducing the present actual number of both, a little, perhaps, below that given as belonging to the congregation, the last year. Several families belonging to this congregation, belong also, for part of the year, to others.

The collection for the Bishop's Common Fund has been had.

The plan of systematic charity recommended by the Committee appointed by the last Convention, has been carried successfully into effect. A convenient building, near the church, having been purchased by the vestry, for the uses of the Church, the Sunday-school has become accommodated in one of its apartments; and the change of place, for the exercises of the school, is thought to be beneficial.

*St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D., Rector.

The Rev. Abraham Kaufman, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 1 white, 4 coloured, adults; 38 white, 27 coloured, children; Total, 39 white, 31 coloured: Total number of baptisms, 70. Marriages, 12 white, 7 coloured; Total 19. Burials, 58 white, 18 coloured; Total, 76. Communicants, 333 white, coloured not ascertained. Non-Communicants, 309 white, coloured not ascertained. Children under 14, 332 white, coloured not ascertained. Families, 287 white, coloured, not ascertained. Children catechised on about 32 days,



about 100 white, 20 coloured; Total, about 120. Confirmed by the Bishop, 13 white, 10 coloured; Total 23. No. of Teachers in the Sunday-schools, 30 white, 16 coloured; Total, 46. No. of scholars, 171 white, 170 coloured; Total, 341. Public worship held in St. Philip's Church, on 52 Sundays, 91 other days; Whole number of times, 200.

**REMARKS.**—*Catechising.*—The children were examined in the Church Catechism, publicly, in the church, by the ministers, at stated seasons. The candidates for confirmation were instructed, in the catechetical mode, and otherwise, by the ministers. The congregation generally, (at least all who choose,) are catechetically and otherwise instructed by the assistant minister, in what is called the Bible Class, held once a week, which numbers many females who are punctual in their attendance, and diligent in their preparation for it. The Sunday-school pupils (adults and children) were catechised, instructed in the Liturgy, and in the Bible, by the ministers, and their helpers, the teachers, who also, at their monthly meetings, were catechised, and otherwise instructed, by the rector. The youth in the Classical and English school, (which we regret to have to state is in a declining condition,) were catechised, and otherwise instructed, once a week, by the rector.

*Fast, Festival and Prayer Days.*—There were divine service and a sermon on all Sundays, on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Thanksgiving Day, and the Fast Day appointed by the civil authority, but not on the other days of public worship. The services on the week days were well attended, in Lent, and better attended, in general, than heretofore; a few males being present, some parents having their children with them, and the teacher of a large school permitting (by the request of their parents) some of his pupils to attend.

*Libraries.*—The Parish Library now contains not less than 260 volumes, and 110 Pamphlets. The Sunday-school Library has suffered greatly, by the children neglecting to return the books; and the record of those taking them, not having been carefully made, or preserved. Twenty-three books have been added to it within the year; but many more are believed to be irrecoverably lost.

*Beneficence.*—The four diocesan societies, and the two peculiar to our own congregation, were sustained by many members, of the congregation as usual. The amount of the communion alms distributed among the poor of the congregation and others, during the year, was \$808, of which sum \$67 was received from the communicants of color, and given to such of them as were sick, or superannuated. We regret to have to state that there was only one thank offering after child-birth, and the amount, \$2, has been appropriated according to the rubric. We have also to express our regret that the donations for missions have been so small, and our hope of a larger return when our congregation shall be relieved from the heavy charge of rebuilding their church. The amount received during the year 1836, from the collectors, and from the boxes in the Church and Sunday-school, and applied to missions was as follows:

To Diocesan Missions, . . . . .	\$173
Domestic Missions, . . . . .	334
Foreign, . . . . .	90
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Total,	\$597

More than \$100, *in addition*, have been received for missions since the beginning of the present year.

In addition to the above, the contributions of the Gregory Society, to missions, and kindred purposes, during the year, was about \$200.

*Miscellaneous.*—The sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office will be preached soon, and our quota to the Common Fund will be paid. The benches in our temporary church, are much smaller than were the pews in our burned Church, and they are fewer in number, by 24. These facts, and the losses by death and emigration, (although many communicants and others have been *added* to the flock,) will explain a small diminution in our numbers, as compared with former years. Many individuals, prominent, venerable, estimable, useful by their lips, and lives, (we need not *name* them,) have been removed from our Church, we humbly trust, to the Church triumphant, during the year. The Rev. A. Kaufman, served during a part of the year, as temporary assistant minister, and on the 31st December was elected the assistant minister. Our new church is in progress, and we hope will be ready for consecration in about a year.

*St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*

The Rev. William H. Barnwell, Rector.

Baptism, 1 white adult; 21 white, 4 coloured, children; Total 26. Marriages, 1 white, 2 coloured; Total, 3. Burials, 15 white, 1 coloured; Total, 16. Communicants, 95 white, 10 coloured; Total, 106. Non-Communicants, 120 white, 60 coloured; Total, 180. Children under 14, 140 white, 40 coloured; Total, 180. Families, 82 white, 40 coloured; Total, 122. Children catechised, 13 days, 30 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 15 white. No. of Teachers in the Sunday-school, 9 white, 5 coloured; Total 14. No. of Scholars, 54 white, 40 coloured; Total, 94. Public worship held on 51 Sundays, 66 other days; Total number of times, 200.

REMARKS.—The table relates to the state of the congregation on the 1st of January last. Since then, additions have been made to the number of pewholders and communicants. A fine organ, long expected, has at length arrived, and been erected. The temporal affairs of the Church are in good order. Spiritually, I hope, we are prospering,—though not as well as could be wished. We feel a lively interest in the cause of missions; and though the numbers in our Sunday-schools are small, there is arising, an increased attention to this most interesting department of the congregation. Less has been done as to the religious instruction of the coloured people in the congregation, than had been hoped, but chiefly from their own disinclination to receive it.

*Report made May 1837*



*St. Stephen's Chapel, and the Mission to the poor of Charleston.*

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Missionary.

Baptisms, 8 white, 2 coloured, children; Total, 10. Marriages, 5 white, 1 coloured; Total 6. Burials, 9 white, 1 coloured; Total 10. Communicants, 48 white, 7 coloured; Total, 55. Non-Communicants, 55 white, 3 coloured; Total 58. Children under 14, 84 white, coloured not known. Families, 52 white, 6 coloured; Total, 58. Children catechised every Sunday, most of the Sunday scholars. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 12 white. No. of scholars, 60 white, 23 coloured; Total 83. Public worship held in Seyle's Room, until the chapel was rebuilt, 45 Sundays, 3 other days, Total, 95 times; in St. Stephen's Chapel, 5 Sundays, 1 other day, Total, 11 times; Whole number of times, 106.

REMARKS.—The public services of this mission having been held, (as last reported), in a private room, until the consecration of the new chapel, (November 24,) the usual hindrances, till then, continued in the way of the increase and welfare of the congregation. But, during the few remaining Sundays of the year, changes for the better began to appear, in the larger attendance, both in the Sunday School, and on divine worship, as also in the addition of a number of coloured persons. Nor is the missionary without trust that there has been a growth in the piety of his flock. Beside the families reported as in habitual connection with the chapel, he has visited (in what seemed to him the true intent of his charge) about as many more families and individuals, of whom some were transient residents of the city, many sick and dying, and not a few professing to belong to no one denomination of Christians. The result is a strong and painful conviction that there is great need of the exertions of another, and more efficient, domestic missionary.

Through the aid of the friends of the charity, the Library, for the use both of adults and of children, has been increased to about 330 volumes, while funds are still in hand for further addition; and the prospect is good, of its being extensively used.

The new building is found to be commodious, having 58 pews, which afford seats for about 250 persons, with convenience; besides those who may find room in the two galleries, and the organ loft. The cost of the chapel, (with that of the lot,) has been \$11,285; while the contributions (beside the sum from the sale of the former lot) have been \$6,798, leaving a debt of \$787; for the payment of which we are still to look to those who care for the poor.

*St. John's Parish, Colleton.*

The Rev. Thomas John Young, Rector.

Baptisms, 2 coloured children. Marriage, 1 white. Burial, 1 coloured. Communicants, 31 white, 51 coloured; Total, 82. Non-communicants, about 60 white. Children under 14 years of age, about 80 white. Families, about 35. No. of teachers in the Sunday-school, 6. No. of Scholars, 16 white, from 50 to 100 coloured. Public Worship on 6 Sundays.

REMARKS.—In presenting his report, for the year ending December 31, 1836, the present rector reports the services of but two months; not having taken charge of the Church until the 1st of November. The Rev. Mr. McKenney resigned the rectorship in March, 1836. The marriage reported is recorded as performed by him. One white communicant has died, and two have removed from the parish. Four white and six coloured communicants have been added to the church, in the two months embraced in the report; all, with one exception, by removal into the parish. A Sunday-school has been organized, all the members of which, by weekly offerings, contribute to the missionary cause. Instruction is given to the negroes, by the rector, immediately after service on Sunday mornings. He has charge of six plantations, each of which he visits once a fortnight. Of the result of his labours, in this interesting field, he trusts to be able to report favourably, at the next Convention.

*St. Paul's, Stono, and St. Paul's, Summerville.*

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

Baptisms, 5 white children. Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 12 white. Non-communicants, 20 white. Children under 14, 18. Families, 12 white. Children catechised, on Sundays, in Summerville, 6 white. Public worship held in St. Paul's Church, Stono, on 15 Sundays. in St. Paul's, Summerville, 31 Sundays, morning and afternoon; Whole number of times, 46.

REMARKS.—The tabular report has reference to Episcopalians more particularly. In addition to the number of communicants, non-communicants, and families there reported as belonging to our Church, several other families, and communicants, as well as non-communicants, of other denominations, attended our church during the last summer. So that we might report the number of persons attending divine service, to be much larger than we have, and also a greater number of communicants and families, for the time being. Perhaps we should report, therefore, the congregation at that time, for one hundred and upwards, the number of families as twenty-four, and the communicants to the number of twenty.

*St. David's Parish, Cheraw.*

The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector.

Baptisms, 3 white; 2 coloured, adults; 4 white, 3 coloured children; Total 12. Marriages, 7 white, 3 coloured; Total, 10. Burials, 11 white. Communicants, 26 white, 5 coloured; Total, 31. Non-communicants, 38 white, coloured, uncertain. Children under 14, 51 white, coloured uncertain. Families, 25 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 9 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 9 white. No. of Scholars, 24 white, 21 coloured; Total, 45. Public Worship held in St. David's Church, 49 Sundays, 1 other day; Whole number of times, 50.

REMARKS —Only two of the persons buried were members of our Church. Seven of our communicants removed from Cheraw during the past year. The Lord's Supper has been administered on the first Sunday of every month, and a collection has been made for missionary purposes, on every second Sunday. The white children of the congregation have been catechised on the morning of every second Sunday, and those of the coloured in the evening. We have a parish Library, which has increased every year by a small number of books. Our Bible, Prayer-book and Tract Society, continues to distribute books, whenever a suitable opportunity offers. The Sunday-school for white children has been held every Sunday morning, and that for the coloured in the evening. The ladies, by funds raised among themselves, have lately had our building neatly painted. The congregation is very regular in attending the church services, and, we have reason to hope, are striving to keep in the paths of righteousness.

*Claremont Parish, Stateburg.*

The Rev. A. L. Converse, Rector.

Baptisms, 2 white, 2 coloured adults; 8 white children; Total, 12. Burials, 5 white. Communicants, 23 white, 17 coloured; Total, 40. Non-Communicants, 35 white. Children under 14, 39 white. Families, 22 white. Children catechised 7 days, 16 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white. Public worship held in Claremont Church, 23 Sundays, 2 other days; Whole number of times, 25.

REMARKS.—Circumstances of affliction in the family of the Rector, occasioned his absence from his parish, from the 18th of May to the 13th of October last; and he feels thankful to the Rev. P. J. Shand, and the Rev. C. P. Elliott, for having officiated in the Church, at Claremont, on two Sundays. during his visit at the North.

One white communicant has died, and two have been added to the number, in the past year.

There is a considerable increase in the number of occasional worshippers, since the establishment, in this healthful neighbourhood, of the Edgehill Academy, and Mrs. Allston's female school. And there seems to be some prospect, that all the dwelling places, so long desolate, may soon be replenished with inhabitants; in whom we may hope that God will give some valuable accessions to our Church.

*Trinity Church, Edisto; and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.*

The Rev. C. E. Leverett, Rector.

Baptisms, 7 white, 1 coloured, children. Marriage, 1 white. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, 38 white, 8 coloured; Total, 46. Non-communicants, 50 white. Children under 14, 86 white. Families, 25 white. Children catechised 4 days, 40 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 9 white. No. of Scholars, 47 white. Public worship held in Trinity Church, Edisto, 28 Sundays, 1 other day; in St. Stephen's

Chapel, Edingsville, 22 Sundays, 20 other days, total, 63 times : Whole number of times, 92.

REMARKS.—The state of this Church varies so little from its condition the previous year, that the minister conceives it to be unnecessary to enter into minute detail. The services, in both churches, have been, as heretofore, well attended ; and religion is, with many, evidently taking a more hearty hold of the affections. Missions are more favourably regarded than they were, and the collections for missionary purposes, though, considering our ability to do nobly, a mere trifle, have increased three-fold. The minister feels assured, that he has great cause for encouragement ; and, in the steady prosecution of his arduous work in winning souls to the cross of Jesus, commends himself and beloved people to that Saviour.

*Trinity Church, Grahamville.*

The Rev. Thomas John Young, *late* Rector.

Baptisms, 4 coloured adults ; 3 white, 2 coloured, children ; Total, 9. Marriages, 2 white, 2 colored ; Total, 4. Burials, 5 white, 1 coloured ; Total, 6. Communicants, 1 white removed ; and 1 white and 6 coloured added. Public worship held on 42 Sundays, and 59 other days ; Whole number of services, 172.

REMARKS.—On the last Sunday of October, the late rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, preached his farewell sermon to the people of his choice. It was the termination of a connection which had existed for nearly nine years, and which was marked by so many blessings of a gracious God, and by so many circumstances calculated to make him feel himself united to that congregation for life, that the severing of the tie was as painful as unsought for. An imperative sense of duty to *Him*, to whose cause he was pledged, rendered the separation, however painful, an act of obedience to God. In the known piety and zeal of his successor, however, he recognizes the goodness of that gracious Redeemer, who make the “ways” of duty “ways of pleasantness, and all her paths peace.”

*Prince William's Parish.*

The Rev. Stephen Elliott, senr., Rector.

Baptisms, 2 coloured adults ; 4 white children ; Total, 6. Communicants, 25 white, 3 coloured ; Total, 28. Non-Communicants, 28 white, hundreds coloured. Children under 14, 50 white. Families, 20 white. Children catechised in the Sunday-school, 30 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-school, 10 white. No. of scholars, 20 white. Public worship held in Sheldon Church, 22 Sundays, 1 other day ; Total, 23 times ; in Sheldon Chapel, 19 Sundays, 15 other other days ; Total, 49 times ; Whole number of times, 72.

REMARKS.—Sheldon Chapel has been completed in a style of neatness and simplicity, by the efforts of the ladies of the parish ; and the Vestry have pledged themselves to the immediate repair of the Parish



Church. In addition to the number of scholars reported in the Sunday-school, the rector instructs, at his missionary station, an encouraging class of twenty children. A parochial Library has been established, which bids fair to be extensive and beneficial. General attention is paid to the preaching of the gospel, and the rector is encouraged to trust, that the Spirit of God will arm his word with power, and make it effectual to the salvation of many souls. Service for the coloured portion of his charge, is held every week, during the summer. In the winter, besides a short service at church, the rector preaches in the afternoon, near his residence, to large and increasing congregations.

*Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis.*

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms, 13 coloured adults; 3 white, 4 coloured, children; Total, 20. Burials, 3 white, 1 coloured; Total, 4. Communicants, 20 white, 36 coloured; Total, 56. Non-communicants, 32 white. Children under 14, 30 white. Families, 20 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 11 white, 11 coloured; Total, 22. Public worship performed on 22 Sundays, 2 other days, at the Parish Church, and Pompion Hill Chapel of Ease.

REMARKS.—The coloured people attending the offices of the Church, are assembled every Sunday, immediately after morning service, for the purpose of catechetical instruction. The increase of this description of persons has been very considerable within the year; so much so, as to require that provision should be made for their accommodation, by the enlargement of the church edifice, or the addition of galleries. Upwards of 200 are the subjects of my teaching; and encouragement is given to believe that the labor so directed, has not been without profit. The harvest is great, but the labourers few. Pity is it, that Christian professors do not more generally feel the obligation to lend their influence in extending the means of grace to those of their own household. And still more is it to be lamented, that there should be found *any*, disposed to deprive them of blessings, which themselves so richly enjoy. If servants make us partakers of their temporal things, are we not surely bound, in duty, to make them partakers of our spiritual things?—placing no impediment (at least) in the way of their being instructed in a *sound religious faith*; that faith which inculcates the necessity of obedience to those bearing the rule over them, and enjoining fidelity and diligence in the discharge of the duties appertaining to their peculiar station, “out of a pure conscience,” and from a sense of their accountability to God, “who hath called them to be servants.”

*Parish of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.*

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms, 3 white, 1 coloured, adults; 5 white children; Total, 9. Burials, 9 white, 3 coloured; Total, 12. Communicants, 34 white; 7 coloured; Total, 41. Non-communicants, about 45 white, 20 coloured; Total, about 65. Families, 32 white. Public worship held in Grace Church, on 21 Sundays, 2 other days.



REMARKS.—This return does not include among the worshippers at Grace Church, transient persons, but such *only* as were reported by the Treasurer as occupying pews. The Permanent Fund, contemplated to be created, for the adequate support of the ministry of this Church (as noticed in a former report), I regret to say, has not met with that generous patronage, which we had anticipated from the members of the same household of faith, (to most of whom the necessities of this Church must be known,) and especially as the object of that charity had been approved and commended to their liberality, by our Diocesan “as the only method by which the discontinuance of the stated services of our ministry at Sullivan’s Island can be prevented.” We still, however, cherish the hope, that, in due time, God will raise up friends zealously affected towards our little Zion, who will, of their abundance, give, causing her to *rejoice*, and be *prosperous*.

*St. Matthew’s Parish.*

The Rev. Richard Johnson, Rector.

Baptisms, 3 white children. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 15 white. Non-Communicants, 30 white. Children under 14, 38. Families, 16 white. Children catechised 5 days. Number of teachers in the Sunday-school, 3. No. of scholars, 16 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 6 white. Public worship held at St. Matthew’s Church, 14 Sundays, and 2 other days, at the old Chapel, 3 Sundays, at Totness Chapel, 20 Sundays, and 3 other days; Whole number of times, 66.

REMARKS.—The prospects of this parish are not as promising as they have been. It has suffered seriously, during the past year, by the removal from it, of two large families, among whom are three communicants. Two individuals have been added to the communion. The contributions for missionary purposes are more liberal than they were last year. The annual subscription of the parish, to aid the Church in her missionary operations, is over \$300; and this year nearly as much has been subscribed in behalf of the Society for the advancement of Christianity in this Diocese. Arrangements are in progress for the religious instruction of a portion of the blacks. Beyond this, nothing of importance has been done.

*Parish of Grace Church, Camden.*

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

Baptisms, 12 white children. Burials, 4 white. Communicants, 28 white. Non-communicants, 70 white. Children under 14, 73 white. Families, 22 white. Children catechised 10 days. Confirmed by the bishop, 4 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-school, 5 white. No. of Scholars, 40 white. Public worship held in Grace Church, 48 Sundays, 42 other days. Whole number of times, 140.

REMARKS.—The condition of Grace Church has somewhat improved within the year. To supply the loss by emigration to the west, several families have been added to the congregation. The Sunday-school continues in active operation; and is governed, as hitherto reported, by

the General Union System. An increasing Library, of 350 volumes, principally of works published at the New-York P. E. Press, supplies the children and congregation with useful religious reading. According to the recommendation of the last Diocesan Convention, a plan of systematic charity has been introduced; and the monthly church offerings so collected, have been applied chiefly to missions within the State. In addition to the usual mode of catechetical instruction, after divine service, the rector has, occasionally, on a Sunday afternoon, catechised the children, in the presence of the congregation; which instruction, as it took place immediately after the desk service, superseded (it is believed with good effect) the delivery of the usual sermon. By recurrence to this wise and ancient custom of the Church, its members, no doubt, will become more careful of the thorough Christian instruction of their children, *at home*: and will be themselves reminded of the first principles of their faith, and all things necessary to salvation, as inculcated in the Church Catechism.

*Trinity Church, Society Hill.*

The Rev. U. M. Wheeler, Rector.

Baptisms, 2 children. Burial, 1. Marriage, 1 free coloured. Families, 4. Communicants, 7. Non-Communicants, 15. Children under 14, 9. Divine service performed, 31 Sundays, and 1 other day; Total, 58 times.

REMARKS.—The report commences, 1836, Feb. 21, when Rev. U. M. Wheeler entered upon ministerial duties in the parish. He was invited by the Vestry to this charge, the preceding month. Since the last convention, the church has been ceiled and plastered.

*St. Helena Church, Beaufort.*

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms, 11 white, 2 coloured, children. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, 112 white, 25 coloured. Non-communicants, 57 white. Children under 14, 142 white. Families, 50 white. Children catechised eight Sundays. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 12 white, 6 coloured; Total, 18. No. of scholars, 67 white, 150 coloured; Total, 217. Public worship held on 52 Sundays, 60 other days; Whole number of times, 164.

*St. James' Church, James' Island.*

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms, 1 white adult, 2 coloured children; Total, 3. Burial, 1 white. Communicants, 9 white, 1 coloured; Total, 10. Non-communicants, 12 white; coloured, unknown. Children under 14, 6 white, coloured, unknown. Families, 6 white, coloured unknown. Teachers of Sunday-school, the Ministers. No. of Scholars, 6. Public worship held in St. James' Church, and at the Chapel of Ease, Johnsonville.

REMARKS.—This “little flock,” has been supplied with the means of grace chiefly by the assistant minister, who has held service twice on every Sunday (except during the short days of winter); the other duties of the Rector allowing him to officiate on the Island only once in each month,—thus rendering his official relation to the parish little more than nominal. The assistant minister being also fully occupied elsewhere, in the week, the need felt by both, of more frequent and familiar intercourse with the souls under their charge, disposes them to unite in the wish, that better pastoral provision could be made for this Church. It has suffered from these causes, as also by death and emigration; but there has been a small increase during the past year, and the few remaining are strong, most of them, in their attachment to the Church, and some also, we trust, in their love to their Lord and Saviour.

The Church at Johnsonville, (a plain but commodious wooden building,) is completed, and was in use during the summer.

#### *Wateree Mission.*

The Rev. N. B. Screven, Missionary.

Baptisms, 1 white, 40 coloured adults; 6 white, 65 coloured, children, Total, 112. Marriages, 3 white, 2 coloured; Total, 5. Communicants, 5 white, 55 coloured; Total, 60. Non-communicants, about 28 white, about 330 coloured; Total, 358. Children under 14, 23 white, 65 coloured; Total, 88. Children catechised 27 Sundays, and two week days, 27 white, 149 coloured; Total, 176. No. of Teachers in the Sunday-schools, 3 white. No. of Scholars, 17 white. 58 coloured in the week; Total, 75. Public worship held in the Wateree Chapel, 50 Sundays; in the “Fork,” 24 other days; in the Academy, 13 other days; Whole number of times, 87. Catechised coloured adults, 93 times.

REMARKS.—Our plan of operations in the mission, is the same as mentioned in the last report. The services of the Church have been better attended by the white people than the last year, and they appear to hear the word gladly. With one exception, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been administered monthly. The spiritual condition of the negroes is favourable; those who profess religion, generally maintain good works. I have had occasion to repel but one individual from the communion, and to suspend only for a short time two or three others. Some have joined us from another denomination. It is admitted by those who see most of them, that a change of character and conduct is manifested. We believe that, to a good degree, even those who are under the dominion of sin, are restrained by a religious influence; for, although misdemeanours are sometimes committed, where plantation discipline becomes necessary, still, gross crime is very seldom known. On one plantation, our weekly instruction is confined to catechising the children. The masters of two of the plantations, in addition to other assistance, have provided lecture rooms; and during that season of the year when the labour of negroes is required the whole day in the field, theirs are allowed from two to three hours every week, to attend upon



the religious services. In the midst of our deep solicitude and many anxieties, for the success of the mission, we have much cause to bless the Lord, that we have not laboured in vain.

*St. Bartholomew's Parish.*

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.

Baptisms, 3 white children. Marriage, 1 coloured. Burials, 3. Communicants, 80 white, 10 coloured; Total, 90. Non-communicants, 23 white. Children under 14, 65 white. Families, 44 white. Children catechised every Sunday during summer. No. of teachers in the Sunday schools, 3 white. No. of scholars, 24 white. Public worship held in Ashpoo Church, 20 Sundays, 2 other days, Total, 22 times; in Walterboro, 32 Sundays, 26 other days, Total, 90 times; Whole number of times, 112.

*Trinity Church, Columbia.*

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms, white children, 10. Marriages, 2 white, 2 coloured; Total, 4. Burials, 10 white, 1 colored; Total, 11. Communicants, 54 white. Non-Communicants, 78 white, 4 coloured; Total, 82. Families, 48 white. Children catechised, about 20 white, on the last Sunday of each month. Confirmed by the Bishop, 8 white. Number of teachers in the Sunday-School, 6 white. Number of Scholars; about 35 white. Service performed on 49 Sundays, and 6 other times. Whole number of times, 109.

REMARKS —During the last twelve months, it has pleased God to remove from among us, several of the most pious and useful members of the congregation, whose loss to the Church will be long and sensibly felt. We have reason to be grateful, however, that our numbers have not been thereby materially diminished, as, within the same period of time, some valuable accessions have been made to the Church. Though in the state of the congregation, spiritually regarded, there is cause for regret, yet we have ground to bless God for the measure of encouragement which we have. Since our last report, ten communicants have been added to the Church—six by removal into the place, and four new ones. Collections have been made, in aid of the Bishop's Fund, and of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina. The plan of Church Offerings, for missionary purposes, was introduced in April last, and considering the small number of those engaged in the work, has been attended with results, exceeding, in success, our most enlarged expectations. Pious females, members of the congregation, continue to exert themselves in the advancement of the temporal interests of the Church, and it deserves to be mentioned, in this connection, that a new, and fine-toned bell, has been presented to the Church, through the liberality of one of the gentlemen of the congregation.

*Christ Church Parish.*

The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Rector.

Baptisms, 3 white children. Burial, 1 white. Communicants, 16 white, 20 coloured ; Total, 36. Families, 16 white. Children catechised 25 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-school, 3 white. No. of scholars, 12 white. Public worship held in Christ Church, 8 Sundays ; in St. Andrew's Chapel, 19 Sundays.

REMARKS.—We have had an accession of six communicants, which brings our number of white communicants up to sixteen, since the last convention. The number of coloured communicants is about twenty. I have but a small, yet very decent congregation. The parents in this parish, take a good deal of pains with their children, to instil sound principles into their minds.

*All Saints' Parish, Waccamaw.*

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

Baptisms, 16 coloured adults ; 4 white, 117 coloured, children ; Total, 137. Burials, 5 white, 2 coloured ; Total, 7. Communicants, 27 white, 29 coloured ; Total, 56. Non-Communicants, 25 white. Children under 14, 59 white. Families, 19 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 4 white. No. of Scholars, 18 white. Public worship held in the Upper Church, 11 Sundays, 1 other day ; in the Lower Church, 11 Sundays ; at the summer retreat, Sundays, morning, 22, afternoon, 11 ; Whole number of times, 56.

REMARKS.—During the Spring and winter months, I have held divine service, for the benefit of the negroes, on eight plantations, visiting each once a fortnight. The congregations on most of these have generally been large. It has been my practice, on these occasions, to use a portion only of our liturgy, to read a passage of Scripture, and explain it in plain and familiar language ; after which I have catechised those who were present. The children, also, have been instructed. The conduct of those who have been baptized, and admitted to the Lord's Supper has hitherto been correct. The Lord be praised for the good which has already been effected.

*St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.*

The Rev. David McElherau, Rector.

Burials, 3 white. Communicants, 28 white. Non-communicants, 25 white. Children under 14, 22 white. Families, 22 white. Children catechised during the summer months, 6 white, 20 coloured ; Total, 26. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 2 white. No. of scholars, 6 white, 20 coloured ; Total, 26. Public worship held in St. Helena Island Church, 50 Sundays, 3 other days ; in St. Helenaville Church, 26 Sundays, 26 other days ; Whole number of times, 105.

REMARKS.—This Church, during the past year, has been rather thinly attended, on account of sickness among the members, and other causes



nevertheless, the few that were enabled to attend, still manifest an increasing zeal for the prosperity of Christ's kingdom.

*St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.*

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms, 25 white, 15 coloured, children; Total, 40. Marriages, 15 white. Burials, 25 white. Communicants, 303 white, 50 coloured; Total, 353; Non-communicants, 369 white, 42 coloured; Total, 411. Children under 14, 332 white, coloured uncertain. Families, 244 white, 37 coloured; Total, 281. Children catechised 16 Sundays. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white, 1 coloured. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 34 white. No. of Scholars, 187 white, 67 coloured; Total, 254. Public worship held in St. Paul's Church, every Sunday, on Wednesdays, Fasts, and Festivals.

REMARKS.—The amount collected from Church Offerings, and other sources, for *Missionary* purposes, in the year 1836, was four hundred and seventy-five dollars, fifty-four cents.

*St. John's, Berkeley.*

The Rev. Edward Thomas, Rector.

Baptisms, 5 coloured adults; 5 white, 7 coloured, children. Total, 17. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, 37 white, 30 coloured; Total, 67. Non-communicants, 50 white. Children under 14, 71 white. Families, 40 white. Children catechised six Sundays, 16. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 4 white. No. of Scholars, 16 white, 20 coloured; Total, 36. Public Worship held in Biggin Church, 14 Sundays, 1 other day; in Strawberry Chapel, 14 Sundays, 1 other day; in Whiteville and Cordesville, 22 Sundays, 1 other day; Whole number of times, 73.

REMARKS.—The Sunday-school, and catechetical class of this Parish, are necessarily small, on account of being confined to the children of the few families who spend the summer in the country. The rector has endeavoured to keep up the excellent plans for the religious instruction of the coloured population, which were set on foot during the last year, by the Rev. Mr. Fowles. A separate service was held for that class of people, on every other Sunday during the summer, in the Church at Whiteville; and three plantations have been occasionally visited, during the winter, for the same purpose, the services being held at candle-light. The Rector takes pleasure in stating, that a subscription has been commenced, for the repairing and beautifying of Biggin Church; and that a very commendable spirit of liberality has been manifested by several members of the parish.

*St. Andrew's Parish.*

The Rev. Jasper Adams, Rector.

Baptism, 1. Burials, 2. Communicants, 16 white, 2 col'd; Total, 18.

REMARKS.—The present Rector of this ancient parish entered on his charge, in December, 1835. During the winter of 1835-6, divine ser-

vice was as regularly attended on Sundays, as the weather would permit. The Church was closed for the summer, as usual, about the middle of May. It was opened for divine service, the present winter, on the first Sunday in December. During this month (beyond which the Canon requires that any report shall not extend) divine service was celebrated every Sunday. The congregations, too, were larger than during the previous winter; particularly, more of the managers of estates, and a considerable number of the black people have attended. Nearly all the pews have been occupied. The rector has resided in this parish a part of the winter.

*Trinity Church, Edgefield.*

The Rev. James H. Fowles, Temporary Minister.

Baptism 1. Communicants, 8. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4. No. of teachers in the Sunday-school, 4. No. of scholars, 10 white, about 18 coloured. Service performed during five months, twice on Sundays, and once in the week. Communion administered once.

REMARKS.—This church, is a neat, though small, brick building; and will accommodate about 100 persons. It was erected at little expense, and chiefly by the few residents of the village, for whose especial and immediate use it was intended. It was in sufficient progress to enable the congregation to meet for worship, in May last; at which time the services of their temporary minister commenced. These were continued until the end of the season, which terminated his engagement, and the congregation has been dependent, throughout the remainder of the year, on infrequent casual supplies.

It occasions deep regret, that this infant Church has been left without continued spiritual sustenance, which might have imparted to it more life and vigor, if not growth; and it is earnestly hoped that, by the increased exertions of its individual members, and its friends, the stated services of the sanctuary, ere long, may be regularly performed, and enjoyed here. The success of our undertaking will not only prove beneficial to us, and be the means of dispensing much good in the immediate vicinity, but will act as an incentive to the friends of our Zion, who are scattered throughout the northern and western sections of the diocese, where the services of the Church are not enjoyed, to "go and do likewise," and thus may create and multiply radiating points of gospel light and order.

*St. Mark's, Clarendon.*

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

Baptisms, 1 white adult, 25 white children; Total, 26. Marriage, 1 white. Burials, 9 white. Communicants, 25 white. Non-communicants 59 white. Children under 14, 27 white. Families, 25 white. Children catechised on Sundays, 36 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 10 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 7 white. No. of scholars, 36 white. Public worship held in St. Mark's Church, 48 Sundays, 33 other days; Whole No. of times, 81.

REMARKS.—The Rector commenced his connection with this parish on the 1st January. Since then, he has officiated regularly, on Sundays, and during the season that the congregation are collected together in the summer retreat, on Wednesdays. From early in the summer till late in the fall, the afternoon of every Lord's Day was devoted exclusively to the instruction of the coloured people. He has established a Parochial Library, which numbers at this time 93 volumes; and also a Sunday-school Library. He has formed the Church in this parish into a missionary association, auxiliary to the General Missionary Society of the Church; and the monies obtained, have been forwarded to the Secretaries of the two committees. The congregation have purchased a parsonage-house, which is suitable in every respect. Several new members have been added to the congregation; and the moral and religious state of the parish has been greatly improved. The present condition of the parish, would authorize him to say, that it is prosperous, both temporally and spiritually; and the prospect of an increase in piety, favourable. On Easter Day, the Vestry adopted the following resolution: "*Resolved*, that the rector of this parish, for the time being, shall be, *ex officio*, chairman of the Vestry, with a right to vote in all cases, except when he is personally interested." Since Easter, the rector, acting under this resolution, has uniformly presided at the meetings of the Vestry, and performed all the duties of chairman. And he believes that he speaks the sentiment of the congregation generally, when he declares, that whatever improvement has taken place in the concerns of this parish, (and that improvement has been considerable,) is to be ascribed solely to the operation of this measure. And the rector is happy to be able to state, from personal experience, that a measure which prevails beneficially in other dioceses, has at least been tested, with entire success, in one parish in this diocese. In conclusion, he would acknowledge, his gratitude to his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for having made him the humble instrument of accomplishing some good, in that sphere of duty where he has placed him.

*St. Luke's Parish.*

The Rev. B. C. Webb, Minister.

Baptisms, 1 white, 8 coloured, adults; 1 white, 1 coloured, children; Total, 11. Marriage, 1 white. Burials, 5 white. Communicants, 15 white, 16 coloured; Total, 31. Non-Communicants, 37 white. Children under 14, 21 white. Families, 12 white. Children catechised 4 or 5 times during the summer. No. of teachers in the Sunday-school, 2 white. No. of Scholars, 8 white. Public worship held in St. Luke's Church, 11 Sundays, and on Ash Wednesday; in Zion Chapel, Hilton Head, 23 Sundays; at the summer retreat, on May River, 11 Sundays, 15 other days (every Thursday night, in the summer); Whole number of times, 26. On the plantations, during the week, and at the Churches on Sundays, preached to the negroes 58 times.

REMARKS.—The minister was invited to take charge of this parish, for one year, to commence May, 1836. Since, he has become its rector.



Feeling himself "a debtor, to the bond, as well as to the free," he has aimed to give ministerial attention to the coloured people, by having a second service for them, at the several churches, on Sundays, and by preaching, during the week, on the plantations. The Lord has blessed his labours among them, with some success. But his short experience has convinced him of the necessity of our having missionaries, peculiar to the coloured people, if we wish to add to the Church, of these, many such as shall be saved. He is sorry to say, pure, Christ-like piety, is not prevalent. Religion is in a cold and dead state. The monthly collections began in August. Foreign Missions, \$25 97½. Domestic ditto, \$22. Total, \$47.97½.

*St. John's and St. Stephen's Parishes.*

The Rev. D. I. Campbell, Rector.

Baptisms, 14 white children. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 17 white. Communicants, 61 white, 6 coloured; Total, 67. Non-Communicants, 62 white. Families, 42 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white. 1 teacher in the Sunday-school. No. of scholars, 7 white. Public worship held at Pineville, 52 Sundays, 3 other days. Whole number of times, 55.

REMARKS.—The Rocks' Chapel, in Upper St. John's, has been repaired in a neat and comely manner. A collection was made in aid of the institutions for the promotion of Christianity, which shall be forwarded as soon as the collections may have been held in the other two chapels. It is subject of melancholy concern, that in consequence of the prevailing sickness, the congregation and Sunday-school were reduced, last summer, to a very small number: and there is no prospect for the summer of summer of 1837. We are assured of the sympathy of our brethren, and would ask their prayers.

*Prince George, Winyah.*

The Rev. P. T. Keith, Rector.

Baptisms, 6 white, 2 coloured, children; Total, 8. Marriages, 5 white, 2 coloured. Burials, 14 white, 1 coloured; Total, 15. Communicants, 53 white; 16 coloured; Total, 69. Non-communicants, 57 white. Children under 14, 69 white. Families, 42 white. Children catechised 10 days, about 30 white. No. of teachers in the Sunday-schools, 5 white. No. of scholars, 25 white. Public worship held in the Church in Georgetown, about 36 Sundays, about 30 other days; at North Island, about 20 Sundays; Whole number of times, 80.

*Christ Church, Wilton, St. Paul's Parish.*

The Rev. James H. Fowles, Rector.

The number of white families which form this congregation, is 24. Communicants, 25, of which one accession during the year. Baptisms, 2. Service performed twice on every Sunday in the season (which embraces six months); and about the same number of times during each



week, on the plantations. Communion administered three times ; twice by the kindness of visiting clergymen, and once by the rector, after receiving priest's orders.

REMARKS.—The present minister accepted an invitation to the pastoral charge of this Church, some time before the completion of the building in which the congregation assembled ; and while the worshippers were surrounded with, and incommoded by, the unfinished state of the house, and the necessary fixtures erected in the progress of the work. He found great unanimity and zeal existing among his flock, in the measures adopted to further and complete their house of worship : although regret was universally felt, at the loss of their late minister ; who, gaining the esteem of all by his few services, and short residence among them, had been called to a more enlarged sphere of usefulness, which he regarded it his duty to accept. The building was rapidly and neatly finished ; and both it and its site, have been highly and generally admired. It was duly consecrated, in April, 1836.

During the latter part of the first season,—which forms a portion of the time, the labors of which are accounted for in this report,—was commenced a Sunday-school for coloured children ; which contained about 135 scholars. It was conducted by the rector, one male and two female teachers. It is deeply regretted that, the scarcity of instructors, and other circumstances, rendered it inexpedient to renew the school during the present season : and it is hoped, that it will be commenced again the next winter, under favourable auspices.

No coloured persons, at the time in which this report closes, have been admitted to our communion ; they receive the word with apparent gladness ; and all are evidently informed, if not profited, by their spiritual privileges.

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After prayer, by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 10 o'clock.

*Thursday, May 4, 1837.*

The Convention met, according to adjournment. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. U. M. Wheeler, rector of Trinity Church, Society Hill, and a sermon delivered, by the Rev. Stephen Elliott, senr., rector of Prince William's Parish.

The President having called the house to order, and a quorum being present, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Rev. Thomas J. Young, rector of St. John's, Colleton, and the Rev. Paul Trapier, rector of St. James' Church, James' Island, and minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston, appeared and took their seats ; and Robert M. Allan, Esq., having presented a satisfactory testimonial of his appointment, as a Lay Delegate from St. Andrew's Parish, also took his seat.

The following resolution was then moved by Mr. R. W. Barnwell, viz. :—

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the parishes of the diocese, to defray the expenses of their respective pastors, incurred by their attendance on the diocesan Convention.

Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the resolution so offered by Mr. Barnwell, be entered on the Journal, without any order taken thereon by this Convention, in consequence of the absence, so generally, of lay delegates.

The Committee on the General Seminary, presented the following report and resolutions :—

#### REPORT ON THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

In presenting this report, it is natural, and almost unavoidable, to remember, that at the meeting of this Convention, in this city, Columbia, 22 years ago, the vast importance, or rather the pressing necessity of such an institution (since several of our candidates for holy orders were procuring their education at the theological seminaries of other denominations) was the great subject which occupied the thoughts and feelings of the members of the body. It was the subject of the sermon\* at the opening of the convention, and was earnestly recommended in the address of the Bishop.†

There were, at that time, several men of influence opposed to the measure, but the reports from the several dioceses (which had been called for, on motion of Bishop Dehon,) made it evident, that a large majority of them were decidedly in favor of it; and by the General Convention of 1817, it was accordingly adopted.

Since its foundation, the seminary has been steadily advancing, as to its resources, its facilities, its number of professors, and of students, and its library. It has now two buildings, capable of accommodating, it is believed, about 200 students, five endowed professorships, a sixth *conditionally* endowed, and a seventh. for endowing which measures are in progress,‡ eighty-six students, four of them from this diocese (being the whole number of our candidates) and the remainder from 12 other states, and a library, with a permanent fund of \$6,000, and not less than 5,219 volumes, besides the "Missionary Library," of 200 or 300 volumes, founded by the students. In the year 1823, the number who finished their education was 5; in 1836, it was 28. The number of scholarships is believed to be about ten,—three of them founded in this diocese. More than 250 persons, have had their education, in whole or in part, at this institution, of whom one is a bishop, and the alumni are in number about 120, of whom one is a professor of this seminary, and others are filling most useful and important stations in our Church.

\* See Dalcho's Church History, p. 552.

† The interest of members of the Church, in this diocese, on this subject, was further manifested, by several tracts published, and essays in the early numbers of the "Gospel Messenger."

‡ These two unendowed professorships have been ably filled, by the gratuitous services, during the past year, of the Rev. Hugh Smith, and the Rev. S. Seabury.

Gratifying, encouraging, and cause for pious gratitude, as is this view of the rise and condition of our seminary, there are some clouds still hanging over it. The largest of the bequests to it (and it gives us great satisfaction to recollect it was made by a citizen of South-Carolina) not being yet available, the excess of expenditure, last year, above the income, was \$2,601, and an endowment is wanting for a professorship; indeed, we may say for *two* professorships, as the foundation of one of them, lately pledged by the vestry of Trinity Church, New-York, is *on the condition* that the endowment of the other be provided for, on or before the 1st January, 1838. The trustees have accordingly addressed a circular, asking pecuniary assistance; and, for procuring the professorship-endowment, the alumni in each diocese respectively are appointed the agents.

The stability of the seminary; its capacity to make its education gratuitous for all its students, and to supply maintenance for those who are poor, and indeed, its usefulness in general, both as respects the degree and the sphere of it, must depend, under the blessing of God, on its being well endowed; and we sincerely hope, that the missionary spirit of our Church, will not overlook the claims of an institution, which must be at the foundation of all human means for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom on the earth; for where may we look for a sufficient number of well qualified missionaries; the translators of the Bible and the prayer-book, and the authors of seasonable tracts and other publications, but to the clergy, who have been properly educated and trained? May not the success of our Church, in relation to *theological* education, have suggested, or at least encouraged, the attempts which have been made to found colleges, and seminaries for the education, according to the principles of our Church, of its young members in general, both male and female. We contemplate these kindred purposes\* with gratitude to God, and gladness of heart; and it is our earnest prayer, that "God, even our God, will give them his blessing," and that in the cause of education, sacred and secular, our Church may ever be found, with like zeal and liberality, a follower of her venerable mother, the Church of Great Britain. It will be recollected, that a resolution, in reference to a school in this diocese, in which religion should be a subject of instruction, was passed at our last Convention.†

The state of the funds of the Scholarsh<sup>h</sup>ps may be known, by a reference to the books now on the table, of the Treasurer. The Bishop Dehon Scholarship has a beneficiary. The Bishop Bowen and the Rev. Dr. Gates' Scholarships, have increased during the year, by the addition of their income; but the amount of their funds is not yet adequate to their benevolent object.

The following resolutions, suggested by the remarks now made, are respectfully proposed for the adoption of the Convention:—

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\* Reference is here had to Geneva, Washington and Kenyon Colleges, to the Episcopal School of North-Carolina, the Christian Institute at Flushing, and the Female Seminary at Burlington, N. Y., proposed by Bishop Doane.

† See p. 21 of the Journal.



I. That the endowment of the professorship of "Pastoral Theology and Pulpit Eloquence," being a very important object in itself, and the required *condition* of the endowment, on the part of the Vestry of Trinity Church, New-York, of the endowment of another professorship, viz.: that of "Revealed Religion and of Moral Science, in relation to Theology," is earnestly recommended to the liberal attention of the members of our Church, in this diocese.

II. That the assumed necessary endowment, being the sum of \$25,000, and there being 19 dioceses, the quota of this diocese is less than \$1,400; and we feel confident that at least that amount can be collected in this diocese.

III. That the alumni of the seminary, in this diocese, viz., the Rev. Messrs. Trapier, Marshall, Wheeler, Spear, and Dupont, the first named to be the Chairman, who have been appointed by the trustees of the seminary, agents, in this diocese, to collect for the professorship, are hereby appointed a Committee, to take measures for carrying into effect the above resolutions, and that the amount obtained by them be paid over to the proper receiver of the same.

IV. That the Secretary do serve a copy of this report, and the resolutions, on the committee named above.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the said Report be accepted, and the Resolutions adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, On this occasion of the first session of this Convention, which has occurred since the death of that great and good man, who was first in council, and first in the hearts of the great body of the members of our Church, that we entirely concur in the sentiments expressed by the Bishop, which are but the echo of the general sentiment, in respect to the life, character, and services of the late Bishop White, as being remarkable evidences of "God's great goodness to his Church," and, *therefore, claiming* our profound and lasting gratitude to the Supreme creator, preserver, governor, and giver of grace, and affectionate remembrance of the human agent, *this* righteous man, who had the rule over us, and spake unto us the word of God, and by his example also called us to follow the faith of the Gospel.

The Rev. Mr. Phillips, from the Committee appointed at the last Convention, to confer with the Bishop, and report at the next Convention, on the expediency of establishing, under the conjoined auspices of the Episcopate, and this Convention, a School, in which religious instruction, conformable to our standards of faith and worship, shall be incorporated in Classical Literature, submitted a report, and resolutions.

Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Young, *Resolved*, That the report be laid on the table, and that the resolutions be considered at the next meeting of the Convention.



The resolutions proposed yesterday, by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, in regard to the raising of a fund for the support of missionaries to the people of colour, in this diocese, &c., being then called up, the same, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hanckel, were again ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. Thomas Gadsden, and Mr. R. M. Allan. were then appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's account, for the past year, who, after due examination thereof, reported that the same was correct.

On motion, *Resolved*, That six hundred copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Ordered*, that the Convention do now adjourn, *sine die*.

After prayers, and the benediction, by the President, the Convention adjourned,

NATHANIEL BOWEN,  
*Ex officio, President of the Convention.*

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*Note.*—The Parochial Reports of the *City* having accidentally been inserted before the rest, that of St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough, should have been among them.

## APPENDIX.

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### REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC CHARITY.

THE Committee, to whom was consigned the duty of devising and recommending some plan of systematic Charity, adapted to the state of the Church in this Diocese, in order to give the most efficient aid to the Church in these United States, in its missionary efforts, respectfully inform their brethren the Clergy, that they have given the subject all the consideration they could. The various plans pursued in other dioceses, have all their respective advantages, and the result of each has been so favourable, as to render it doubtful, which is the best, and most efficient. Whilst they could scarcely err in recommending any one of them to the favourable attention of their brethren, they believe that the following is likely to prove the most successful in the end. The reasons for such belief, are too numerous to be recounted in a short circular like the present; but, happily, they are so obvious, as to render a detail of them unnecessary. At all events, the plan is so simple, as to be easily tested, and as easily set aside, for any other that may be preferred, if, upon trial, it should not succeed.

I. That the minister of every congregation persuade, and, if possible, induce the people to whom he ministers, to lay up in store, on the first day of every week, according as Providence may bless them, that which each may think himself able to spare for missionary benevolence.

II. That on the second Lord's Day of every month, or the Lord's Day next succeeding the monthly communion, boxes, with "Church Offerings" inscribed upon them, be placed in the aisles of the Church, near the doors, and in the Sunday-school, to receive the monies thus laid up in store for missionary purposes; and that on the preceding Sunday, notice thereof be given to the congregation, and in the Sunday-school.\*

III. That the offerings thus collected be applied to the support of Missions, according to the plan or constitution of missionary benefi-

\* The reason for naming the second Sunday, as above, is, to prevent its interference with the usual collections at the Lord's Supper.

cence, which may have been, or may be established, in any Church, in concurrence with the minister, or ministers.

That this plan of systematic charity, be explained and enforced, from time to time, it is unnecessary for the Committee to recommend. They would, however, respectfully suggest, that it might be done with good effect, in a few words, wherever the congregation are notified, that the boxes are to be placed in the church, for the reception of their offerings; and especially to the children, when they are publicly catechised in the church, and the nature and privileges of the baptismal covenant are explained to them.

The Committee offer this plan to their brethren, with a full sense of their inability to suggest any thing, which they themselves could not devise. But they act in obedience to a resolution of the Convention, and trust that their suggestions will approve themselves to all; and under the blessing of our Divine Master, whose name we bear, lay the foundation for a plan of systematic charity, which may yield a permanent, substantial, and increasing resource to our beloved Church, in her noble enterprize to preach the Gospel to every creature, within the reach of her efforts.

(Signed,)

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*The next Convention will meet in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in February 1838.*

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